

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Barnstable Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Fourth Barnstable Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (714) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Barnstable Representative District. 6% (41) of admissions from the Fourth Barnstable Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Barnstable Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 70% were male and 30% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 91% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 60% were never married, 17% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 21% had less than high school education, 46% completed high school, and 33% had more than high school education.
- 49% to treatment were employed.
- 4% were homeless.
- 34% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Barnstable Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	67%	18%	9%	3%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Fourth Barnstable Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	543	485	151	103	30	118	93
<b>FY '96</b>	478	440	162	89	35	72	51
<b>FY '97</b>	497	423	170	94	30	71	50
<b>FY '98</b>	626	540	186	91	40	107	67
<b>FY '99</b>	634	558	183	105	32	115	79
<b>FY '00</b>	570	481	179	83	26	104	84
<b>FY '01</b>	652	530	220	133	43	184	128
<b>FY '02</b>	714	612	258	132	41	158	109